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£48,000 BILL FOR SOCCER PLAYERS

Austria and Holland are demanding £48,100 in transfer fees for Soccer players now in Australia.

Refusal of Sydney and Victorian clubs to pay these fees has led to Australia being disqualified by world Soccer body, F.I.F.A.

Secretary of the Australian Soccer Association, Mr. Roy Drury, will attend a special meeting of F.I.F.A. on August 25 in Zurich to explain that the transfer fees are out of proportion, and should not be paid.

MIGRANTS

Representatives of Holland and Austria will be present.

Australian Soccer clubs support Mr. Drury.

They claim that the players came to Australia as genuine migrants, and not solely for the purpose of playing Soccer.

The highest priced player is former Austrian international fullback Victor Mach, at £4000.

He is now playing with Hakoah Club in Sydney.

Mach has been out of football since he underwent a cartilage operation on his knee at the start of the premiership competition.

The Royal Netherlands Football Association is asking for £23,100 for nine Dutch players now in Australia.

They want £3000 for Sydney Austral player Leo Boskloper and 1800 for South Coast centre-forward Wim van der Gaag.

Van der Gaag was recently transferred from Sydney Austral to South Coast club.

Vienna club F. K. Austria want a lump sum of £8000 for Leo Baumgartner, Karl Jaros, Walter Tamandl, Peter Hrncir and Erich Schwarz.

Austrian club Garazer A.K. want £1500 for each of the brothers Herbert and Erwin Ninaus.

Leading Sydney Soccer officials last night described these sums as "ridiculous."—Sydney "Morning Herald."

NEW CHAIRMAN IN TASMANIA

The Chairman of the NTSA (Mr. G. Pearson) has vacated the chair to Mr. B. Speed, who is a past chairman of the association.

Mr. Pearson has resigned to try to form a referees' association, which is greatly lacking in the North.

SOCCER PICTURE WINS TOP AWARD

A Daily Mirror (Sydney) photographer has won an Australia-wide award for the best sporting picture of the year.

He is Graeme Thomson (19), a third-year cadet.

The Australian Journalists' Association have announced that Mr. Thomson had won its most coveted award for cadet photographers.

It is the Sydney E. Pratt Award for the best sporting incident picture of the year.

Mr. Thomson beat contestants from all other newspapers with a Soccer picture published in the Daily Mirror on April 26.

GOALKEEPER

The picture is the one above, showing the Europe XI goalkeeper V. Wentzel trying to save a 30-yard drive at goal in a match between an Australian XI and an European XI.

The Daily Mirror Sporting Editor, on the day of publication, presented it as the sporting picture of the year.

As well as a cash award, Mr. Thomson receives from the AJA a certificate marking his achievement.

Sydney player out for life!

The Federation of Soccer Clubs disciplinary committee has disqualified for life player E. Kapovic of second-division club Croatia.

Kapovic was charged with assaulting referee Stan Pundyk during a game against St. George Sutherland at Miranda.

He is the second Croatia player to receive a life disqualification this season.

After the inquiry the committee recommended to the federation that they inquire into Croatia club.

It is the third time this season that referees have been assaulted while officiating at Croatian matches.

Two other players, P. Formoss (Fairfield Maltese) and E. Fenech (Melita Eagles) each were suspended for two weeks.

Formosa, on a charge of kicking an opponent, and Fenech, for fighting.

Big dance at Geelong

If you live in the Geelong district, don't miss the Geelong Soccer Club's cabaret dance on Friday, August 25, at 8.30 p.m.

It will be held at Waterside Workers' Hall, near the Eastern Beach. A liquor licence has been obtained and you can dance to the music of the Three Ars Band.

Tickets are gents (10/-), ladies (5/-).

50 dollars for JUST

A welcome donation of $50 has been received by J.U.S.T. S.C. from Chicago, U.S.A., where former J.U.S.T. and Prahran goalkeeper S. Dobrilovic and his friends have collected the amount after they read in "Soccer News" that ground is sharing and improving a ground in Footscray with the local soccer club.

Hobart shocker

The Falkinder Cup soccer match between Rangers and Metro was abandoned at South Hobart on Saturday three minutes before half-time by referee Bert Hudson after four Rangers' players had left the field in a chain of sensations.

There were then only five Rangers' players on the field — one had been sent off and another had been injured and could not be replaced under the rules.

Highlights in a remarkable chain of incidents in the most sensational game ever played at South Hobart were:—

- Rangers' decision to play Roger Nixon after being refused permission on Saturday morning by the State Council;
- State and Rangers' player John McKenna's broken leg;
- The ordering off of Rangers' Don McDonald for kicking an opponent; and
- The walk-off of State and Rangers' goalkeeper, Jim McDowell, after the referee had ordered a penalty to be retaken.

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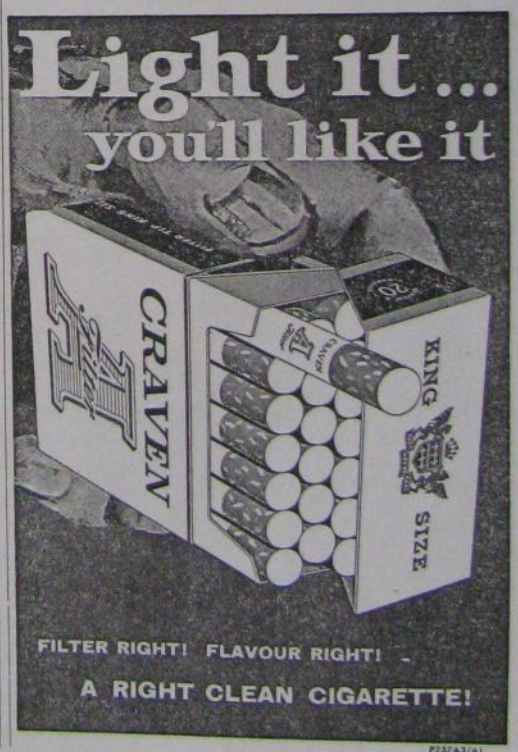

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One of the juniors' best years

By ALBERT MERRILLS

Junior fixtures are now coming to a close with the Under 14 and Under 16 Leagues finished. The Under 18's and the Under 12's finish their league competition on September 2, — and it has been one of the best seasons on record.

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Winners in the Under 16 League are:—
South Section, Aspendale "A." Central Section, Brighton. North Section, Nth. Sunshine.

Cup games are still being played.

SUNSHINE WIN

In the 3rd round of the Under 16 Miller Cup, Nth. Sunshine defeated Hakoah 4-2.

From the kick-off Nth. Sunshine attacked down both wings but found Hakoah goalie, Socrates, in great form. Play was even until centre forward J. Barczynski scored the first goal for North.

A few minutes later J. Blank North's inside-left, 25 yards from goal, netted with a power drive.

Hakoah soon retaliated when centre forward Mandalis scored from an indirect free kick.

Soon after half-time North's inside right M. Olinowskyj scored from a brilliant pass from J. Blank; but again Hakoah retaliated when inside-left Linandos found North's goalie S. Korkliniewski flat footed.

Several tries by J. Blank, Z. Kolanowicz and M. Olinowskyj, resulted in a brilliant goal by Olinowskyj.

Best players: North Sunshine: J. Blank, M. Olinowskyj and R. Popczyk. Hakoah: Mandalis, Linandos and Pugh.

Also in the Miller Cup Brighton defeated George Cross 4-1 to enter the semi-finals on August 26.

It was a hard fought game with both teams playing well.

Gordon Hays was the boy of the match scoring all four goals for Brighton. This boy has a good future in soccer. Brighton should take a good look at their Juniors.

CROYDON LOSE

Essendon Under 18 team defeated Croydon in a game that never reached high standards. The Dons were not extended to win by 7-1, the goals coming from Peat 3, W. Vojtek 2, Fisher and Creak.

The consistent Rossetto and Allsop were Essendon's best players, while Mizzi showed great improvement.

Essendon's Mighty Midgets made it mighty interesting for St. Kilda before going down 4-1.

The Saints found it difficult to break through while S. Loughran and J. Hollows on the wings often menaced the Saints' defence. The break came shortly before half-time when the Saints scored two quick goals.

In the second half Geoff Rees who had hurt his leg, changed places with brother Keith in goal and the latter promptly scored as a result of an indirect free kick.

With the smallest of the Midgets, E. Loughran, Allain and Bonnici just about out on their feet after St. Kilda applied the pressure to score two more goals.

Don's best were the Rees brothers, S. Loughran, J. Hollows and J. Goeman. St. Kilda's best were Proletto, Conti, Hemmerling, Kohout and Grima.

The standard of soccer has greatly improved this season with all the new clubs showing up well.

All League winners are expected to be invited to take part in a Victorian Championship, to be held at Shepparton on Saturday and Sunday, October 7 and 8.

Victorians play here

PERTH. — Two players from the Melbourne-Hellas soccer club arrived in Perth last week without a clearance and played for Federation side, Athena, on Saturday.

They are inside-forward Antonios Hatzeleftheriou and right-winger George Metalopoulos.

An Athena official said yesterday the players had not been invited to Perth, but had left Melbourne because they were unemployed.

They had been given a trial in the game against Fremantle City on Saturday but unless they found work soon they probably would move elsewhere.

PASSING SHOTS

(Passing Shots this week come to you from the Dinner Table, Savoy Plaza Hotel, on the occasion of the Publicity Dinner.)

with John d'Andrea

GUESS who was the tallest man at the Party, after he stood on two cushions for a photo to be taken? STUART BEATON!

Pedlar Palmer, Sun-Pictorial Editor, an Englishman, is thrilled at the idea his children play soccer at Scots College. He would like to see two overseas teams playing in Australia. The Olympic Games finals have made him soccer homesick!

Ken Knox (Age) is still the tallest man in soccer (jokes and cushions aside). Hate to think what would happen to the ball if he headed it. Would probably disappear in orbit!

Graham Cope (ABV2) and A. Barr (Age, ABV2, GTV9) were heard carrying on a conversation in Greek.

WHEN Mr. Percy Page, of Aussie rules fame, and now an Olympic Park Trustee, was asked to explain why Victoria lost its football supremacy to W.A. in Brisbane, there was a minute's silence and embarrassment. Then Percy got up and asked: 'Why did the Victorian Soccer XI lose in Brisbane?' The subject of Brisbane was not raised any more all night.

Mr. P. L. Coleman, chairman of the Olympic Park Trustees, made the longest speech of the night; VASFA Publicity Chairman Fred Villiers made the shortest.

He only read the apologies.

WHEN Cr. M. Nathan rose to hi sfeet, as deputy chairman of the Trustees, also as candidate for the Lord Mayor elections and on behalf of the VASFA, he mentioned the Press ignoring firms sponsoring sporting events, in particular Craven "A" and Ampol. Mr. F. B. Daly, Sun Editor, then said Lord Mayors should also be sponsored by firms. Mr. N. Vickers (W. D. & H. O. Wills) interjected and offered to sponsor Cr. M. Nathan for the Lord Mayoralty.

Colin MacFarlan (Age) and Alan Dunn (Sun) had friendly digs at each other and exchanged compliments all night. Could be serious?

Hans Licht (Jewish News, also publishers of Soccer News) represented the largest bi-lingual publication in Australia. He smiled all night. For once there was no copy to set!

Ron Casey (3DB) forgot his allegiance to Aussie football and wished the deserved success to soccer, hoping that one day there will be a big soccer name in Australian sporting circles.

He never made any suggestions about soccer breaking through once again in the 'World of Sport'.

Bill Fleming (Herald) did an excellent job in proposing the toast to the VASFA. His notes will be permanently recorded in the Savoy Plaza laundry. He wrote them on the table cloth!

CRAVEN "A" were not only represented by Neville Vickers, but also by the cigarettes donated by the firm for the occasion, but Ampol, represented by Dick Harvey, missed the opportunity to present the distinguished gathering with a small tin of petrol each.

U.K. MATCHES

League:—Division 1: Arsenal 2, Burnley 2; Birmingham City 2, Fulham 1; Blackburn Rovers 0, Cardiff City 0; Blackpool 1, Tottenham Hotspur 2; Bolton Wanderers 0, Ipswich Town 0; Chelsea 2, Nottingham Forest 2; Everton 2, Aston Villa 0; Manchester City 3, Leicester City 1; Sheffield Utd. 2, Wolverhampton Wanderers 1; West Bromwich Albion 0, Sheffield Wednesday 2; West Ham United 1, Manchaester United 1.

Division 2: Bristol Rovers 0, Liverpool 2; Leeds United 1, Charlton Athletic 0; Luton Town 4, Preston North End 1; Middlesborough 3, Derby County 4; Newcastle United 0, Leyton Orient 0; Norwich City 3, Bury 1; Scunthorpe United 3, Brighton Hove Albion 3; Southampton 1, Plymouth Argyle 2; Stoke City 1, Rotherham United 2; Swansea Town 1, Huddersfield Town 1; Walsall 4, Sunderland 3.

Division 3: Halifax Town 3, Barnsley 1; Lincoln City 0, Bournemouth 2; Newport County 0, Grimsby Town 2; Notts County 1, Bristol City 0; Peterborough United 3, Hull City 2; Queen's Park Rangers 3, Brentford 0; Reading 4, Coventry City 0; Shrewsbury 4, Port Vale 2; Swindon Town 1, Portsmouth 3; Torquay United 1, Crystal Palace 2; Watford 0, Northampton Town 0; Southend United 2, Bradford 1.

Division 4: Barrow 3, Crewe Alexandra 0; Bradford City 2; York City 2; Carlisle United 2, Aldershot 1; Chester 1, Oldham Athletic 0; Colchester United 3, Stockport County 0; Gillingham 2, Doncaster Rovers 2; Mansfield Town 3, Exeter City 1; Millwall O, Wrexham 1; Rochdale 3, Hartlepools United 1; Southport 1, Darlington 4; Transmere Rovers 2, Accrington Stanley 0; Chesterfield 0, Workington 1.

SCOTTISH LEAGUE CUP

Airdrieonians 1, Rangers 2; Ayr United 1, Falkirk 1; Berwick Rangers 3, Alloa Athletic 1; Brechin City 1, Arbroath 2; Clyde 3, Montrose 2; Cowdenbeath 4, Dumbarton 3; Dundee United 5, Aberdeen 3; East Stirling 4, Morton 1; Forfar Athletic 3, Albion Rovers 5; Hibernian 2, Celtic 2; Motherwell 1, Dunfermline Athletic 1; Partick Thistle 0, St. Johnstone 0; Queen of the South 1, East Fife 3; Raith Rovers 1, Kilmarnock 7; St. Mirren 1, Hearts 0; Stenhousemuir 1, Hamilton Academicals 3; Stirling Albion 4, Stranraer 1; Third Lanark 3, Dundee 2.

IRISH LEAGUE

Ulster Cup: Ballymena United 2, Crusaders 2; Bangor 2, Ards 4; Cliftonville 0, Coleraine 5; Derry City 1, Glentoran 2; Distillery 2, Linfield 8; Portadown 1, Glenavon 2.

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IT'S REVOLUTION (SPORT) IN AUSTRALIA

We're a race of players not just onlookers

• Reprinted from the Sydney SUNDAY TELEGRAPH.

In just a few years Australian sport has undergone a silent, striking revolution.

This revolution has turned us from a nation of sport spectators into a nation of sport players.

The 65-year-old businessman travels more than 1000 miles to play bowls . . . the retired public servant rises at 4.30 a.m. to drive 10 miles to a golf course.

The 13-year-old spends his weekend playing golf and going ten-pin bowling.

A few years ago the elderly businessman and the retired public servant would have sat watching a football match or stayed home to potter round the garden.

The youngster would have spent the summer weekends on the beach. In winter you probably would have found him at the match-of-the-day.

In the 1940's one in every eight Australians played sport. Now, one in every four enjoys sport at least once a week.

Sydney's Big Six in "spectator" sports — racing, Rugby League, trotting, boxing, tennis and greyhounds — are today losing spectators to sports that everyone can play — golf, bowls, basketball, social cricket and ten-pin bowling.

Even in Victoria the most fanatical Australian Rules followers are drifting into "player" sports. Gates that once topped 114,000 have fallen by thousands since 1956.

First-grade Rugby League attendances dropped from 1,442,728 in 1956 to 1,265,470 last season; crowds at State amateur-tennis titles have been down 10,000 on 1959 figures — 1000 a day for the 10-day contest; cricket crowds were falling away until last year's West Indies tour.

There is one major exception to this trend in spectator sports — Soccer.

SPORTING BAROMETER

Player Sports	
RISING	**FALLING**
Golf Bowls Ten-Pin Bowlig Basketball Cricket	Tennis Squash

Spectator Sports	
RISING	**FALLING**
Soccer	All Football (Except Soccer) Tennis Cricket (Except Tests)

Up to 1957 the largest attendance for a Sydney Soccer grand-final was 8000 . . . last year's crowd was nudging 19,000.

In the 1957 season 200,000 went to city soccer matches. Last year's figure was 600,000.

President of the Soccer Federation, Dr. H. Seamonds, says the code is riding on the crest of the wave, because, to many migrants soccer is the only link in a strange country with their homeland.

They "live" for a weekend soccer match.

The officials of the other big-money sports talk about the credit "squeeze," the drain on the public purse of hire-purchase, the stay-at-home magnetism of television and the like.

But in spite of TV, drive-in theatres, hire-purchase, etc., competitor and social sports are getting more supporters than they can cope with.

Once those belonging to exclusive golf and bowls clubs were advised to enter for membership their yet unborn sons.

This advice could well apply today to most of Sydney's 250 golf and bowls clubs.

Many clubs have not only closed memberships — they have closed waiting lists.

On Sydney's inadequate and congested 30-odd public golf courses players — many of them recent "converts" from The Grandstand — are queueing on the first tee before sunrise.

Today, travel-minded Australians will go miles to play their favorite sport.

It's commonplace at Mascot to see a group of bowlers, meticulously-groomed in their navy and cream panama hats, navy blazers and creams, awaiting the aircraft which will take them interstate or to country districts for a weekend bowls carnival.

Five years ago most of the group would have been in the garden, at the races or football match, or just whiling the hours away.

Take those groups of young people you see on the railway platform. Chances are they're off to the snow country, perhaps to a water polo carnival or rifle-shooting contest.

It's a safe bet that not so long ago their sporting life was confined to a mid-week social tennis night and a visit to the local oval at the weekend.

Let's see how figures tell the story of the revolution which has come to the Australian sporting scene.

BOWLS: Bowling club membership in New South Wales has risen from 22,000 in the immediate post-war years to 92,000 this year.

Since 1945 the number of clubs has increased from 208 to 606.

Bowling, once regarded as a game for the retired and sedate, has attracted nearly 18,000 players in the last three years. Many are in their early 40's — family men who had considered their active sporting days at an end.

GOLF: Officials of the golf organisations say the sport has captured more players in the last few years than all the other player sports combined.

More than 300 clubs are affiliated with the NSW Amateur Golf Association. Officials refuse even to guess at the number of municipal courses and non-affiliated clubs.

"At least 100 new courses are desperately needed," said one official. "Every month thousands are playing their first round of golf.

"It won't be long before a beginner will have to hit off at dawn to get a clear play round."

Four years ago golf was considered strictly an adult game, adopted only when age and weight ruled out the playing field.

Now, the G.P.S. Associated Schools and Combined High Schools each have an average of two teams in a competition which regularly produces future champions.

The Golf Foundation, a private enterprise organisation promoting the sport among youngsters, conducts coaching classes and "clinics" at school and runs two "camps" a year.

"When these kids grow up," said an official, "the golf courses will reach saturation point."

CRICKET: Although cricket crowds, like other major sport crowds, are down, officials have noted a steady increase in club memberships, both in the senior and junior ranks.

New South Wales has about 120,000 registered cricketers. This doesn't include the countless school teams, office and social groups.

TEN-PIN BOWLING: Sporting enthusiasts are hesitant to gauge the effect of ten-pin bowling on other sports, because, they say, it hasn't had time to settle down and is still in the "craze stage."

One company will have 21 bowling centres operating throughout the country by the end of the year.

Already the sport boasts up to 1000 bowlers at a centre on a "good" night.

Many ten-pin bowling enthusiasts are youngsters who have never been proficient in other sports because of childhood illness or lack of opportunity. Ten-pin bowling gives them their first chance of proving they are as good as the next man.

A number of teenagers to whom I spoke recently at the Enfield centre, said they spent all their spare time and pocket money on ten-pin bowling.

TENNIS: Golf is blamed for a slump in tennis in recent years. Many ardent tennis players, according to owners of courts, have switched to golf.

The poor standard of the Davis Cup since 1954 and a shortage of well-kept courts is also blamed.

SQUASH: The trend toward player sports, strangely enough, is not strongly evident in squash — the boom sport of a few years ago.

Although New South Wales has more than 400 squash centres, compared with only a handful just after the past war, the sport has lost ground this year.

At least four large North Shore courts, built only recently, are closing.

The reason for the sudden slump, say regular squash players, is that businessmen have overloaded Sydney with elaborate courts.

BASKETBALL: In 1956 there were six basketball associations in New South Wales with 1200 members. This year the State has 100 associations with 15,000 members.

An oft-quoted old saw is that the onlooker sees most of the game. Today that advice is falling on a growing number of deaf Australian ears.

—JOHN PILGER.

● Typical scene at Olympic Park. The goalie jumps high and the crowd roars with excitement. With first-class players and good games we must continue to win new supporters to our game.

● Mike de Bruyckere, captain-coach of Wilhelmina, although in his thirties, still continues to thrill crowds with his masterly play. More stars of Mike's class are needed to help boost soccer in Victoria.

Makedonia's promotion ball

Makedonia S.C., on Saturday, September 2, at 7 p.m., will hold their Promotion Ball, at the Macedonian Orthodox Church Hall, 52-54 Young Street, Fitzroy.

The donation is only 12/6 for males and 7/6 for females. This includes free beer, drinks, light refreshments, lucky spot prizes and many extras.

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By DON SUTHERLAND

THE STATE LEAGUE Management Committee has recently appointed its own secretary to facilitate the handling of matters concerning State League clubs. This is purely an internal arrangement and it has been declared that all official information must be channelled at all times for reference or for further action to the official V.A.S.F.A. Secretary/Manager, Mr. Stuart Beaton.

It is probably opportune to pay tribute to the efficient activities of Stuart Beaton over a period of more than ten years, during which time Soccer has grown from a very minor sport to the 2nd ranking winter sporting activity in Victoria. Originally appointed as Honorary Secretary, on a part-time basis, Stuart put in a tremendous amount of work and when it was decided to make a full-time appointment of a Secretary/Manager, his record of efficiency made him almost an automatic choice and hs capable and untiring efforts in a full-time capacity have thoroughly justified the confidence which the Association expressed in him.

In an extremely difficult and exacting position Mr. Beaton has thoroughly carried the respect which he now enjoys from all Victorian clubs and inter-state associations.

AT long last the Council has resolved that the State League Management Committee and the Sunday International Committee shall be included and named under Standing Committees in the Constitution, which means that such committees shall be elected by the State Council and shall be constituted and hold office and shall function in accordance with the rules laid down in the Constitution.

Incidentally, the State Lengue Management Committee has asked if Council would receive and consider any recommendation of the SLMC on the appointment of the Chairman of the League, prior to such appointment being made by Council.

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POLONIA captain, **Remo Guardiani,** was unwell before the recent game against Juventus and was unable to take the field. However, the best tonic possible was a victory by his team and judging by his smile of happiness after the game it seems obvious that his recovery would be greatly accellerated.

Polonia is rapidly acquiring the nucleus of a team for 20 years from now. Recently we reported that **A. Czerkaski** had become a father and now we congratulate popular goalkeeper **J. Morks,** and his wife, on the recent arrival of a son, also.

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JOE SULLIVAN, Sandringham City full-back, who died recently as a result of an accident, will be badly missed in Gaelic Football circles as well as in Soccer. Joe played soccer on Saturdays with Sandringham and Gaelic Football on Sundays where he was currently playing for the Young Ireland's team.

Joe was reputed to have been one of the best Gaelic Footballers to have played in Victoria and was selected in this year's team to play New South Wales, and had previously captained the Victorian side.

Joe Sullivan was an example of the perfect sportsman — he was fearless and determined to give of his best but never was guilty of temperament or deliberate breach of rules. The attendance of more than 250 mourners at his funeral was a tribute of respect which he richly deserved.

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WINNER of the Craven "A" World Cup award of a carton of cigarettes to the best Greek player in the 2nd replay of the Malta v. Greece game recently, was outside-right **Tsolakes.** This young boy who will be 21 years of age in the near future has been a model of what a player should be, — always reporting regularly for training, never a bother, always giving of his best.

He has played regularly with the Reserve team all the season until four or five weeks ago when he was promoted to the Senior XI. He has improved with each game and it was a real credit to him to win this award from a team full of his more illustrious teammates.

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HELLAS is holding a big "do" at the Royale Ballroom on Saturday, September 2, from 7.30 p.m. until midnight. Tickets will be 15/- each and a wonderful night is assured.

This is the evening of the day that Sth. Melb. Hellas plays Melbourne in the Dockerty Cup and it is to be hoped that the club has more to celebrate than when it played Melbourne a couple of weeks ago.

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"THE Australian Women's Weekly" deserves congratulations for their initiative in giving a double page pictorial cover on Soccer in their edition of August 23.

One of the vital needs in Soccer is for us to be able to sufficiently glamourise our top stars to give an example to young Australian boys to encourage them to take up Soccer.

Some of the fine players illustrated in the "Women's Weekly," ilke **Sjel de Bruyckere, Frank Barbazza, Norm Hobson,** and **Wieslaw Janczyk** are fine examples of sportsmen and worthy representatives of our sport.

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SANDRINGHAM CITY recently staged a Dance in honour of the Yallourn Soccer club who defeated them that afternoon and I was pleased this week to receive the following letter from their secretary **Joe Blunt.**

Incidentally, Joe is the father of **Phil Blunt,** who regularly represented Victoria as a goalkeeper a number of years ago. Phil is still a star in the Yallourn side and his agility has saved certain goals on many occasions. It is not unusual for Phil to play for both the Reserves and the Senior team on the same day!

The letter from Yallourn read as follows:—

Dear Mr. Sutherland,—I have been asked to write to you as Chairman of the Sandringham City Soccer Club. "We would be grateful if you would convey the sincere thanks of the Yallourn Soccer Club to all your people concerned for the wonderful evening you all gave our chaps on the 5th August.

"I can assure you that all of our party were agreed that it was one of the best nights they have had for a long time. Also they thank your chaps for the good game of Soccer, and we all wish your club the best of luck for the future."

—Yours, JOE BLUNT, Hon. Secretary.

Many thanks for the good wishes, Joe, even if we haven't got much finance in the lower leagues we have certainly got a wonderful spirit of sporting friendship which cannot be valued in terms of money!

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I AM extremely disappointed that we will not see a Soccer match between Sydney and Melbourne TV personalities which was suggested by ATN Channel 7 but which was not approved by Council due to pressure of League and Cup fixtures.

The match could well have attracted many thousands of new faces to Olympic Park and would have been the biggest publicity boost to date.

It is surely possible to switch a Sunday fixture away from Olympic Park, and perhaps we may still see negotiations re-opened.

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IT is always pleasant to receive fan-mail but I am reproducing the following letter more as an example of the friendly co-operation existing between Soccer clubs and the confidence they have in the future of our sport.

"Dear Mr. Sutherland, On behalf of my committee and team I would like to extend to you our appreciation of your very nice 'write-up' in your column in the 'Soccer News" of August 5, 1961.

"I would also like to state how very much our team and supporters enjoyed the match in Sandringham a few weeks back. Although the score was a little uneven, our fellows had a most enjoyable game and particularly liked your ground.

"Your team is potentially a good one and they play a good clean game. I hope that next year will see them at the top of 1st Division South.

"I feel that Soccer seems to be capturing more and more interest with the Australian public, and I hope that the day is not too far away, when attendances at Soccer matches may equal those of Australian Rules. The general interest will, I feel, also help to bring the attendances up in the lower grades. With best wishes (Sgd) Enver Begovic, President of Preston Croatia Soccer Club.

Thanks, Mr. Begovic. I am sure that with clubs like yours, and enthusiasm like yours, we must succeed!

THE Rosebud Soccer Club is celebrating its Tenth Anniversary next month with a Dinner-Dance at the Rosebud Hotel on 16th September.

They will play Park Rangers in a social game in the afternoon and Park Rangers will join with Rosebud in the evening to celebrate the anniversary.

Capable Rosebud secretary **John Norberhuis,** cordially invites all soccer followers to join them in this memorable evening.

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THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK: To quote popular Soccer-playing TV Compere, Digby Wolfe, — "Never kick a man when he's down — unless you're sure that he will never get up again!"

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JIM COOK'S WORLD SOCCER ROUND-UP

Soccer's rough in Hong Kong

HONG KONG, Friday: The colony's soccer season has just ended with the threat that fans may lose their international matches, and perhaps even club games as well if they can't behave.

Spectators, administrators and players got their biggest jolt in years when police threatened to cancel permits for public football matches.

This action, quite possible under the sweeping powers which the authorities have over any assembly in a public place, followed a noisy, stone-throwing incident after a match between a local side and the touring Football Association XI.

It was a mild demonstration by world standards of harracking, but any sign of a riot brings heavily-armed, well-protected Hong Kong police reinforcements out at the double.

And making it all the more bitter for paying spectators, even the police acknowledged afterwards that hoodlums who watched the match from a convenient hill outside the stadium were mainly to blame.

But coming so close behind an uproar which led to the inconclusive abandonment of an International between a Brazilian club and a Hong Kong representative team, the authorities issued a sharp ultimatum saying, "No more trouble . . . or there'll be no more football."

The Government stadium in which most of the internationals are staged, is seldom filled to capacity. Surrounded by rising ground on three sides, it offers an excellent free grandstand view which the local fans have not been slow to appreciate.

The colony produces, or harbors, some very good Chinese soccer players.

Under elastic local rules, they can turn out season after season for Hong Kong in internationals, and then go off to Melbourne or Rome to represent Nationalist China in the Olympic Games.

Their standard of play varies from match to match, some of it being clever, fast, entertaining football. On other occasions, it is so bad that it gives rise to rumblings of match-fixing.

(The Chinese, rich or poor, are not noted for any spectacular or outspoken opposition to gambling and betting on the outcome of soccer games is not excluded).

SOCCER "KINGDOM"

With half-a-century's history behind it (the Hong Kong Football Association was formed in 1914) the colony claims to be the football "kingdom" of South-East Asia.

But the 1960-61 season generally has been severely criticised by some sportswriters as a blot on its football history.

Apart from the near-riots after two international matches, one player was suspended for what amounted to not trying his best, and an inquiry was launched into allegations that one side "threw" a match which it, on paper, should have had little trouble winning.

Some top players have been accused of hanging up their football boots and taking things easy. Gates on many occasions were as poor as the standard of play, which was by no means helped by administrative bickerings, both locally and with neighbouring countries like Singapore.

Things brightened up a bit after the police ultimatum — and after the official season had closed — when the colony saw two most orderly matches against visiting Malayans.

These matches were played against a background of riot police might but they showed that the locals are capable of constructive football.

Soccer stars of tomorrow

THAT the Schoolboys and Juniors of today are the "bread and butter" of tomorrow's soccer there can be little doubt and like every other country we eagerly await the maturity of our nursery groups.

Perhaps we should be more excited about this than the already well established soccer countries as for too long now we have had to rely on and our game dominated by imported players.

The development over the past few years of schools' soccer in which the association has played a leading part and the recent sponsoring by our league clubs of Junior sides is a notable contribution to the fortherance of the game and ones which will no doubt pay handsome dividends in the near future.

It is an acknowledged fact in British soccer that clubs which breed their own players are rewarded by an individed club loyalty from these boys when they mature.

Young players if they are properly guided and instructed in the fine arts of the game can during this process also mould a sound character for themselves and they not only develop their skill but their self control and adaptability.

It is important that individual attention can be given to boys and their progress carefully studied as:—

A: The average boy is a bundle of energy but there is a limit to what boys of a slender age can undertake physically and it is not unknown for a promising young protegy to "burn out."

B: If after an initial period of coaching and instruction a boy finds difficulty in getting match practice he may in despair turn his attention to some other sport or hobby. Much has been lost if this happens and many talented but underdeveloped youngsters are lost forever to the game.

We can, I think, look forward to the future with confidence and it should be our aim to give every boy the opportunity of playing the greatest ball game in the world.

—JIM COOK.

Cup final

The Morwell Advertiser Shield will be played on August 26 — Rangers versus Newborough, venue to be fixed. The Reserves of the same two clubs meet, as a curtain-raiser, in the final of the Hockman's Shopwell Trophy.

The Battle of Britain Cup

Rules man now soccer player

Yallourn's Steve Szabo, last year's best and fairest in Latrobe Valley football has made a return to soccer.

He played for the Yallourn Soccer Club's team in the Valley Reserves League.

Steve was injured in a car accident on June 17, at Yallourn, and was forced to drop

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LAST SATURDAY

STATE LEAGUE

Moreland 3, Richmond 2
S.M.-Hellas 3, J.U.S.T. 3
Slavia 0, Melbourne 0
Juventus 0, Hakoah 3
George Cross 1, Polonia 2
Box Hill 1, Wilhelmina 2

STATE LEAGUE RESERVES

Moreland 2, Richmond 4
S.M.-Hellas 2, J.U.S.T. 2
Slavia 3, Melbourne 1
Juventus 3, Hakoah 5
George Cross 3, Polonia 0
Box Hill 1, Wilhelmina 2

FIRST DIVISION NORTH

Corio —, Fiorentina P.P.
Collingwood 2, Coburg 3
abandoned 55 min.
M. Ponds 1, Sunshine C. 2
Croatia 1, Lions 3
Footscray —, Maccabi P.P.

FIRST DIVISION SOUTH

Austria 0, Brighton 0
Frankston 1, Yallourn 3
Preston 4, South Yarra 2
Sandringham 1, Geelong 0
F'tree Gully 0, Dandenong 3

SECOND DIV. NORTH

Alexander 1, University 0
Heidelberg 4, Fairfield 3
I.C.I. 4, Seymour 3
N. Olympia 5, St. Albans 3
Williamstown 1, Sicilia 4

SECOND DIVISION SOUTH

Park Rangers 4, F.N.D. 3
Moorabbin 0, Oakleigh 3
Rosebud 1, Makedonia 3
Prahran 4, Essendon 0
Trident 1, Bayswater 2

FIRST DIVISION NORTH RESERVES

Coburg w.o., M. Ponds l.p.
Maccabi 1, Park Rangers 4
Fiorentina 0, Footscray 6
Lions 3, Prahran 2
Sunshine C. 7, Moorabbin 1

FIRST DIVISION SOUTH RESERVES

Austria 5, Brighton 1
Frankston 2, Yallourn 0
Preston 0, South Yarra 0
Sandringham 10, Geelong 0
F'tree Gully 2, Dandenong 0

PROVISIONAL LEAGUE

Kensington 3, Ballarat 1
Triestina 2, W.W.F. 1
Ringwood 4, Bendigo 1
Commonwealth Bank 0, Springvale 4
Libertas 6, Florina 0

DOCKERTY CUP
FORTH ROUND

Footscray 3, Fiorentina 0

THIS SATURDAY

STATE LEAGUE

Box Hill v Moreland
Richmond v S.M.-Hellas
J.U.S.T. v Slavia
Melbourne v Juventus
Hakoah v George Cross
Polonia v Wilhelmina

STATE LEAGUE RESERVES

Box Hill v Moreland
Richmond v S.M.-Hellas
J.U.S.T. v Slavia
Melbourne v Juventus
Hakoah v George Cross
Polonia v Wilhelmina

FIRST DIVISION NORTH

Maccabi v Corio
Fiorentina v Croatia
Lions v Moonee Ponds
Sunshine City v Collingwood
Coburg v Footscray

FIRST DIVISION SOUTH

Dandenong v Austria
Brighton v Sandringham
Geelong v Preston
South Yarra v Frankston
Yallourn v Ferntree Gully

SECOND DIVISION NORTH

Sicilia v Alexander
University v Noriane Olympia
St. Albans v I.C.I.
Seymour v Heidelberg
Fairfield v Williamstown

SECOND DIVISION SOUTH

Bayswater v Park Rangers
F.N.D. v Prahran
Essendon v Rosebud
Makedonia v Moorabbin
Oakleigh v Trident

FIRST DIVISION NORTH RESERVES

Moorabbin v Coburg
Moonee Ponds v Lions
Prahran v Fiorentina
Footscray v Maccabi
Park Rangers v Sunshine City

FIRST DIVISION SOUTH RESERVES

Dandenong v Austria
Brighton v Sandringham
Geelong v Preston
South Yarra v Frankston
Yallourn v Ferntree Gully

PROVISIONAL LEAGUE

Florina v Kensington
Ballarat v Com'wealth Bank
Springvale v Ringwood
Bendigo v Triestina
W.W.F. v Libertas

Technical final to Footscray

Footscray Technical School defeated Sunshine Technical School 2-0 on Wednesday Aug. 16, at Olympic Park in the final of the Technical Schools competition.

Sunshine coached by Mr. V. Lizier, were last year's winners.

The goals were scored one in each half: in the first by petite centre-forward Alan Jones and in the second by D. Adams.

The ground was wet for the third successive year, but despite that about 500 school children attended with their sport masters and headmasters.

They were entertained by VASFA Deputy Chairman Jim Paul and the President, Mr. H. Dockerty.

Mr. H. Dabb, president of the Technical Schools Sports Association, was also present.

At the end of the match Mr. Dabb introduced Mr. Dockerty who made the presentation of the Cups.

The selectors for the Technical Schools side to meet the High Schools for the Dunkling Shield on Wed. August 30 were in attendance. They are Messrs. M. De Bruyckere, Wilhelmina captain-coach and sports master at Box Hill, and Mr. D. Lockyer.

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Saturday, August 26:
Polonia v. Wilhelmina.
Sunday, August 27:
Hakoah v. George Cross.

Sat. September 2: Last Round Dockerty Cup: MELBOURNE-STH MELB. HELLAS.

Sunday September 3: Curtain Raiser: Junior Cup match. 1st semi-final £700 Craven A International Series (to be drawn).

NOTE: State League Reserve teams do NOT play Curtain Raisers at Olympic Park.

CRAVEN "A" WORLD CUP DRAW

1st Semi-final:
GERMANY - POLAND
2nd Semi-final:
SCOTLAND - HOLLAND

A RECORD?

Thirteen years old John Beasley played last Saturday for Springvale Seniors as inside left and scored one of their four goals—

Is he the youngest player in senior soccer?

ARGUS MEDAL

The Argus Best and Fairest Medal will be presented on Tuesday, September 13, at 8 p.m. on ABV2, provided all State League Fixtures have been completed.

Makedonian's year of progress

(Continued from page 8)

control on the ball and also a good goal scorer.

I. Mitrov and J. Pandov are showing good improvement and in the future will be the best players of Makedonia. Outside-right I. Mitrov and outside-left J. Pandov also are top players.

Good luck to Makedonia in their progressive season and we hope that in 1962

HOW THEY STAND

STATE LEAGUE

	P	W	D	L	GOALS F	GOALS A	P
Polonia	20	15	2	3	50	19	32
George Cross	20	13	4	3	39	13	30
Wilhelmina	21	13	3	5	49	29	29
Hakoah	21	12	3	6	52	38	27
S.M.-Hellas	21	9	5	7	41	35	23
J.U.S.T.	21	10	2	9	44	34	22
Melbourne	21	7	5	9	28	34	19
Juventus	21	7	5	9	31	38	19
Slavia	20	7	5	8	30	39	19
Moreland	20	4	3	13	29	56	11
Richmond	21	2	5	14	20	51	9
Box Hill	21	3	2	16	18	45	8

STATE LEAGUE RESERVES

	P	W	D	L	GOALS F	GOALS A	P
George Cross	19	15	3	1	63	17	33
Wilhelmina	21	13	3	5	54	36	29
Hakoah	21	12	2	7	49	33	26
Box Hill	21	10	5	6	40	34	25
Juventus	21	8	6	7	45	46	22
Slavia	21	10	2	9	32	43	22
Polonia	20	8	4	8	38	35	20
Melbourne	21	8	4	9	47	49	20
S.M.-Hellas	21	5	4	12	40	55	14
J.U.S.T.	19	6	2	11	37	51	14
Richmond	21	6	2	13	41	59	14
Moreland	20	1	5	14	28	56	7

FIRST NORTH

	P	W	D	L	GOALS F	GOALS A	P
Lions	17	14	0	3	57	15	28
Croatia	17	13	1	3	63	21	27
Fiorentina	16	11	3	2	36	10	25
Sunshine City	17	10	3	4	43	25	23
Footscray	15	5	4	6	35	34	14
Moonee Ponds	17	5	4	8	26	33	14
Corio	16	7	0	9	28	46	14
Maccabi	16	3	2	11	21	60	8
Collingwood	16	2	2	12	22	40	6
Coburg	17	2	1	14	15	62	5

(Collingwood v. Coburg—result subject to decision of investigation committee).

FIRST SOUTH

	P	W	D	L	GOALS F	GOALS A	P
Preston	17	15	2	0	58	19	32
Brighton	17	11	1	5	48	25	23
Austria	17	10	2	5	48	28	22
Dandenong	17	10	1	6	48	27	21
Ferntree Gully	17	10	0	7	39	27	20
Yallourn	17	6	2	9	33	40	14
Sandringham	17	5	3	9	21	39	13
Geelong	17	4	3	10	27	41	11
Frankston	17	3	3	11	28	72	9
South Yarra	17	1	3	13	23	55	5

SECOND NORTH

	P	W	D	L	GOALS F	GOALS A	P
Alexander	17	15	1	1	84	14	31
Sicilia	17	13	2	2	58	21	28
University	17	12	1	4	42	12	25
Noriane-Olympia	17	9	4	4	46	37	22
Williamstown	17	9	3	5	44	28	21
Heidelberg	17	4	4	9	20	41	12
Fairfield	17	5	1	11	51	46	11
St. Albans	17	3	2	12	24	61	8
I.C.I.	17	2	2	13	28	70	6
Seymour	17	2	2	13	27	94	6

SECOND SOUTH

	P	W	D	L	GOALS F	GOALS A	P
Makedonia	17	13	2	2	42	22	28
Oakleigh	17	11	4	2	49	24	26
Park Rangers	17	8	4	5	52	42	20
Bayswater	17	8	3	6	45	30	19
Moorabbin	17	8	2	7	46	34	18
Prahran	17	7	2	8	45	37	16
Trident	17	6	2	9	26	38	14
Rosebud	17	5	1	11	27	47	11
F.N.D.	17	4	2	11	31	45	10
Essendon	17	3	2	12	20	64	8

FIRST NORTH RESERVES

	P	W	D	L	GOALS F	GOALS A	P
Lions	17	14	2	1	78	18	30
Footscray	17	11	4	2	62	15	26
Sunshine City	17	10	3	4	57	22	23
Prahran	17	9	3	5	52	35	21
Fiorentina	17	8	1	8	26	48	17
Park Rangers	17	6	3	8	37	44	15
Moonee Ponds	17	5	3	9	29	32	13
Coburg	17	4	1	12	21	63	9
Maccabi	17	4	0	13	24	57	8
Moorabbin	17	3	2	12	24	76	8

FIRST SOUTH RESERVES

	P	W	D	L	GOALS F	GOALS A	P
Austria	17	12	3	2	69	22	27
Brighton	17	9	4	4	43	34	22
Sandringham	17	9	3	5	47	21	21
Dandenong	17	9	3	5	40	26	21
Preston	17	7	5	5	24	15	19
Ferntree Gully	17	7	4	6	40	43	18
Yallourn	17	7	0	10	25	36	14
Frankston	17	4	5	8	34	52	13
Geelong	17	4	0	13	23	64	8
South Yarra	17	1	5	11	18	50	7

PROVISIONAL LEAGUE

	P	W	D	L	GOALS F	GOALS A	P
Libertas	17	14	1	2	70	20	29
Ringwood	17	10	5	2	67	25	25
Florina	17	11	2	4	58	32	24
Ballarat	17	11	1	5	76	25	23
Kensington	17	9	1	7	44	31	19
Triestina	17	8	0	9	32	31	16
Bendigo	17	6	2	9	66	52	14
W.W.F.	17	5	2	10	24	57	12
Springvale	17	4	0	13	24	62	8
C'wealth Banks	17	0	0	17	6	132	0

WEST AUSTRALIAN RESULTS

W.A.

Association—Saturday

First Division: Caledonian 3, Sport United 2; Vastese 5, Julia 2; Kiev-Victoria Park 5, Subiaco City 1; Swan Valley 3, Perth City-Inglewood 1; Spearwood 7, Medina 0.

Second Division: Cottesloe 2, Great Alexander 0; Queen's Park 3, Malta United 3; Emu Rangers 4, Malayan Tigers 1; Macedonians 2, Macabeans 1; Melita v. Midland - Juventus match abandoned.

Reserve Division: Subiaco City 4, Medina 2; Emu Rangers 3, Queen's Park 0; Swan Valley 4, Cottesloe 2; Perth City-Inglewood 5, [illegible]

Probables 2 drew with Possibles 2.

Federation — Saturday—First Division Knockout Competition (first round): Athena 2 drew with Fremantle City 2.

Reserve Division: Fremantle City 2, Athena 1.

Northern League

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts.
Roma	19	16	2	1	56	9	34
Cobram	19	15	2	2	30	20	32
City	19	15	1	3	65	18	31
East	19	12	2	5	33	19	26
Lemnos	19	11	3	5	41	13	25
Echuca	19	7	4	8	24	40	18
Tatura	19	7	2	10	29	61	16
G'bower	19	5	3	11	23	12	13
Tor'berry	19	4	3	12	22	42	11

INTERSTATE SOCCER

SOUTH AUSTRALIA

League: Budapest 3, Cumberland 2; Lion 4, Polonia 2; Croatia 3, Orange 1; Juventus 6, Beograd 2.

First Division: Victoria 2, Birkalla 2; Port Adelaide 5, Salisbury 2; Elizabeth 1, Sturt 1; Enfield 5, Edinburgh 2.

LEAGUE

	W	L	D	F	A	P
Budapest	15	3	1	52	19	31
Croatia	14	3	2	47	25	30
Juventus	14	3	2	47	25	30
Lion	9	8	2	36	36	20
Cumberl'd	6	12	1	35	48	13
Orange	5	13	1	24	49	11
Beograd	5	14	—	28	48	10
Polonia	3	14	2	21	51	8

FIRST DIVISION

	W	L	D	F	A	P
Victoria	14	3	2	56	29	30
Birkalla	13	3	3	61	27	29
Enfield	12	5	2	49	29	26
Salisbury	9	8	2	47	38	20
Edinburgh	6	9	4	37	53	16
Sturt	5	13	1	36	60	11
Elizabeth	4	13	2	37	64	10
Port	4	13	2	32	55	10

N.S.W.

1st Div.: Canterbury 1, Pan Hellenic 0; Polonia 6, Sydney Austral 2; Hakoah 2, Budapest 1; Prague 3, Auburn 3; Gladesville 1, Bankstown 2; Apia 2, Sth. Coast Utd. 0.

2nd Div.: Lidcombe 1, Blacktown 0; Corinthians 2, Toongabbie 1; Yugal 3, Balgownie 2.

Points score:—Yugal 33, Granville 28, Balgownie 27, Croatia 25, Blacktown 23, Corinthians and Sutherland 22, Toongabbie 14, Manly and Lidcombe 9, Concordia and Julia 8.

SOCCER TABLE

	W	L	D	F	A	P
Prague	13	3	3	51	29	29
Canterb'y	12	3	4	46	24	27
Polonia	10	5	4	46	37	25
Hakoah	9	6	4	54	35	24
P.-Hellenic	9	4	6	37	33	22
Budapest	9	2	8	47	42	20
Apia	9	2	8	47	39	20
Auburn	6	6	7	39	32	18
Bankstown	7	4	8	36	30	18
Gladesville	5	3	11	32	40	13
S. Coast	5	1	13	22	52	11
S. Austral	—	1	18	25	95	1

Illawarra 4, North Wollongong 4.

Northern Premiership

1st Semi-final: Adamstown 2 (A. Simmons, R. Dobbins), beat Wallsend, 1 (W. Collins). Reserve Grade, 1st Semi-final: W. Wallsend, 2 (K. Martin, T. Eshman), beat Wallsend, 0.

Federation: Yugal 3, Balgownie 0.

ADAMSTOWN 2—1 IN SOCCER SEMI-FINAL

Adamstown soccer team today defeated Wallsend 2—1 in the first semi-final.

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OLYMPIA ENTER SOCCER SEMIS; RANGERS OUT

Rangers were put out of the Association Soccer Cup competition on Saturday by a corner in the last seconds of extra time after a goalless match against Olympia at South Hobart.

Details:

Association Cup Quarter-finals: Rapid 4, South Hobart 0. Goal-scorers: Rapid —Zoetsch, E. Rawlings o.g., Pronobis, Raedar.

Olympia d. Rangers by two corners to one after a [illegible]

Goal-scorers: Metro—Stuart (2), N. Graves, Olden, Bennett; Croatia—Velte, Puscaric.

Wayatinah d. Hollandia, 6-0.

Under 18: Hobart High d. Metro, 5-0; Caledonians d. South Hobart, 3-2.

QLD.

1st Div. Semi-final: Azzurri 6, Hellenic 2.

£500 Tournament: Blackstone 5, Dinmore 0; YMCA 2, Annerley 0.

SAM'S Selections

By SAM KEMP

HERE are my U.K. Pools selections for September 2:—

1 Birm'ham v. Leicester
2 Blackburn v. Wolves
x Blackpool v. Man. Utd.
1 Bolton v. Arsenal
x Chelsea v. Fulham
1 Everton v. Sheff. Wed.
2 Man. City v. Burnley
1 Sheff. Utd. v. Aston V.
1 Tottenham v. Cardiff
1 West Brom. v. Ipswich
1 West Ham v. Notts For.
2 Brighton v. Bury
1 Bristol R. v. Sunderland
1 Leeds v. Rotherham
1 Luton v. Huddersfield
x Midd'boro v. Preston
1 Newcastle v. Plymouth
2 Norwich v. Liverpool
1 South'ton v. Swansea
1 Stoke v. Derby
1 Walsall v. Leyton O.
1 Barnsley v. Reading
1 Halifax v. Cristal P.
x Lincoln v. Hull
1 Newport v. Brentford
1 North'ton v Port V.
1 Notts C. v. Grimsby
1 Peter'boro v. Bristol C.
x Q.P.R. v. Portsmouth
1 Shrewsbury v. Bradford
1 Southend v. Coventry
2 Swindon v. Bourn'th
1 Torquay v. Watford
1 Aldershot v. Chester'ld
1 Barrow v. Wrexham
2 Bradford C. v. Stockport
1 Carlisle v. Oldham
1 Chester v. Darlington
1 Colchester v. Accrin'ton
1 Gillin'ham v. York
x Mansfield v. Doncaster
1 Millwall v. Workington
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x Celtic v. Hibernian
1 Dundee v. T. Lanark
2 Dunfer'line v. Moth'well
1 Hearts v. St. Mirren
x Kilman'ck v. Raith R.
1 Rangers v. Airdrie
1 St. John' v. P. Thistle
1 Albion v. Morton
1 Alloa v. Berwick R.
1 Arbroath v. Brechin
x Dumbarton v. Cow'beath
1 Falkirk v. Ayr Utd.

HERE are my special four aways:—

2 Brighton v. Bury
2 Blackburn v. Wolves
2 Norwich v. Liverpool
2 Man. City v. Burnley

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Makedonian's progressive year

MAKEDONIA S.C., established on March 30, 1957 and registered with V.A.S.F.A. in 1959, is showing much better progress this season than any other year.

In the Provisional League in 1959 they finished in the fourth position with 22 pts and in 1960 in the Second Division South, third with 20 points (not promoted).

This year so far they have played a number of games in their Division and they have had some good wins.

The credit of Makedonia for this year must be given to their new committee, to their supporters and to their young and good players.

Also much credit must be given to their Captain, B. Traianovski for last season and for this season too. He is a good player, very calm in the field and very popular.

The goalkeeper, K. Kalinchev does good work in the field and is also vice-captain.

The centre-half, G. Krashov, newly arrived in Melbourne, is one of the few good players of Makedonia, having good control of the ball and good head tricks.

The right-back, V. Prokop and left-back N. Charli are fast, good head trickers and ball controllers.

The halves right and left, P. Angelovich and S. Popomilkov are both young players, showing good soccer with satisfaction to the spectators. P. Angelovich especially is a little star in the field.

The outside-right D. Senkovich has good and full control of the ball. The inside-right V. Balkanov is a good runner, never stops and gives full control of the game.

The centre-forward T. Mitsevski is one of the best goal scorers and very fast.

The inside-left B. Traianovski is fast with full control on the ball.

The outside-left F. Re-Giovanni is the youngest and smallest player in the field, very fast with full

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TOP CLUB

● LIBERTAS, Provisional League leaders. They are top row (from left to right) Costantsini (captain), Bradici, d'Antonio, Massese, Sartori. Coucich. Front row (from left to right) A. Ciautar, Borg, T. Ciautar, Cah, Leone.

Today we will know champs.

By RUSSELL LEA

Except for two, postponed matches last Saturday, to-day's First Division North games will be the last of the season. Today we'll see the winner of the First Division North Championship, for Croatia must play away to Fiorentina.

The Fiorentina - Croatia game is the most important this season because Fiorentina are still well in the running for promotion. Neither team can afford to lose and both will be striving for the full ninety minutes.

It is hard to pick the likely winner. Fiorentina's typically continental style of Soccer is played at a faster tempo than Croatia's game, but the sturdier defenders of the Croats will upset the speedier Italian forwards.

Although away from home, I'm tipping Croatia to just scrape home from Fiorentina.

Lions have an easy match against Moonee Ponds and will be resting on the outcome of the Fiorentina-Croatia match and trusting to luck.

They should not be troubled by Moonee Ponds but not until 4.30 will they know if they are to grace the soils of State League grounds next season.

Coburg, Collingwood and Maccabi who are all directly concerned in the relegation battle face hard games against Footscray, Sunshine City and Corio respectively.

None of the three bottom teams are expected to win and, therefore, the teams who will be relegated to the Second Division North must come from those Clubs.

Likely winners: Corio, Croatia, Lions, Sunshine City, Footscray.

2ND DIVISION NORTH

The relegation picture in the Second Division North is still clouded. I.C.I., Seymour, St. Albans and Heidelberg who have all played impressive Soccer over the past three weeks meet each other today.

St. Alban's are at home to I.C.I. in what should be an even match, but I.C.I. with their new found form should win. In the other game Seymour are at home to Heidelberg — Heidelberg should win but Seymour can't be underestimated.

The match of the day is between Sicilia and Alexander. The Sicilians have carried all before them in the last few games and have not lost a match for eight weeks, but in Alexander, they meet tough opposition.

The visitors should win and so secure their ticket for promotion to the First Division North next season.

Two teams who have shown promise at odd times during the year meet in what must be an even game. Fairfield play Williamstown and on past form, Williamstown appear too good for Fairfield.

If Williamstown's good form can be maintained next season, with the addition of new players, this team will be a promotion candidate.

University and Norlane Olympia meet at University's home ground. The students, after a run of outs, should record another win.

Likely winners: Alexander, University, I.C.I., Heidelberg, Williamstown.

CENTRE FORWARD'S DARING HEADER

Ranger Reserves were defeated 2-1 by Fiorentina Reserves after a scrambly game in which both sides missed many chances.

Ranger Centre forward Key scored with a daring header after hurling himself full length at a cross from the right-wing. A. Birmingham filled the inside left position well. Right-winger Kell also played well.

—A. E. BAILEY.

PARK RANGERS DANCE NIGHT

Park Rangers dance and presentation night will be held on September 8, corner of Dorcas and Ferras Street, South Melbourne, opposite South Melbourne Railway station. Tickets from Club secretary, Mr. J. Key, 15 Poplar Crescent, West Heidelberg. All welcome.

The Fred Villiers Column

I COUNTED more than 40 people watching the Olympic Park game from the roof of the Velodrome last Sunday. Asked who they were. "Oh, they're all Scotsmen!", came the reply.

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MET Mr. Nicholas Osidacz, President of Lions, last week. Says he'd like to see First Division clubs playing curtain raisers at Olympic Park. Claims the extra "gate" money would do a lot for struggling clubs in the minor leagues.

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AMAZING the number of people who want to use soccer as a means of assisting charity. Miss Vivien Leigh's personal chauffeur, Mr. Bernard Gillman, is the latest in the market. He suggests the Old Vic Company, now appearing at Her Majesty's Theatre, could field a soccer team if they could find somewhere to play. Problem is they leave for Sydney next week.

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MAN who does a lot for soccer in a short time is George Tranter. He's responsible for results in the Herald and Globe on Saturdays. Latest job he's taken on, is the State League ladder which appears in the final edition of The Globe. Guess how long he has to prepare the positions of the ladder from the time the results reach The Globe office, and the time the pieave for the printer? THREE MINUTES!

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MR. R. I. BILLENGER, a director of world-famous Arsenal Soccer Club in London, was impressed with what he saw on his recent visit to Olympic Park. He said in Britain our soccer was unknown. Believes we should do something about selling it over there.

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HOW'S this for a record. Norm Hobson, George Cross and Victorian goalkeeper, has only missed two in 77 games. Both were through injury.

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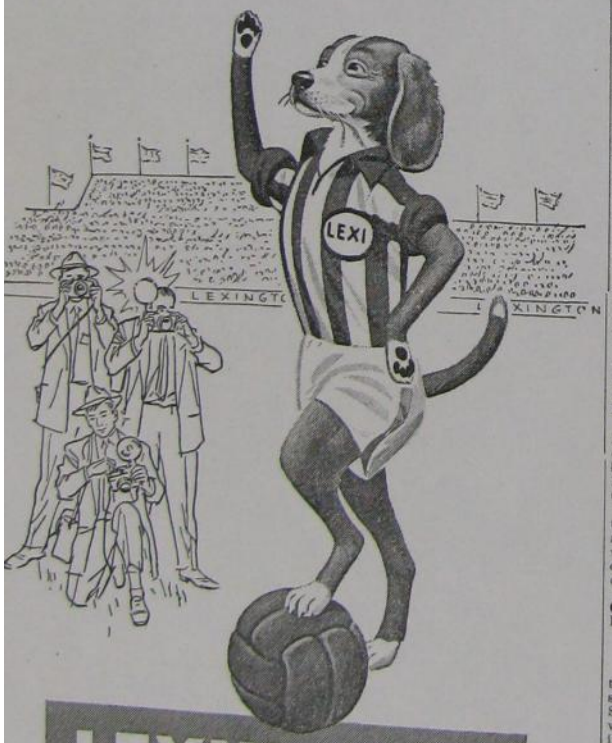
BETTER keep an eye on the girls! George Cross boast a strong ladies' team but they tell me Echuca and Shepparton have two of the best ladies teams in the country. By the way, if you're in Shepparton on October 15, you'll have an opportunity of seeing the girls in action when they play the curtain raiser to the Northern Victoria and State League representative game.

"The GREAT CHAMP"



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FRANKSTON'S LAST STAND

With all the ingredients of a western thriller, today's clash between South Yarra (wearing the red) and Frankston (wearing the gold) should be worth seeing.

Sth. Yarra already doomed, will be all out to go down fighting with colours flying, whilst **Frankston** will be digging themselves in for a last ditch stand, no quarter given or asked.

When this article went to press it may not matter who wins, for if **Sandringham** defeat **Geelong**, then its all over, **Frankston** having an inferior goal average to **Geelong**.

Best of luck to all teams for the FINAL ROUND.

With runner-up position still in doubt, **Dandenong** play **Austria**. Both these teams have a show of finishing second to **Preston**, however, with **Austria** losing their goalie because of suspension, I must go for **Dandenong**.

BRIGHTON, who have the inside running at the moment, are hosts to SANDRINGHAM.

Brighton started off slow and are coming home like TULLOCH. On the other hand **Sandringham** showed a lot of promise and faded out like the sun on the shortest day. This is a local derby and a good game is likely but the black and white stripes look too good for this one.

Geelong play **Preston** at home. Four weeks ago there would have been no doubt about it, but lately **Preston** seem to be either giving their reserves a game or they are taking it too easy. If this continues I think **Geelong** could take a point off them.

Yallourn entertain **Ferntree Gully** and this is a hard one, but I pick the GULLY to just get home by the odd goal.

Now for the match of the day **Frankston** against **Sth. Yarra**. A win for **Frankston** could save it from relegation. **Sth. Yarra** have a young side, and I don't think they'll be in 2nd Div. long. It's sad seeing an old club like this sinking into the lower divisions.

Frankston, after promotion last season, have found the going tough, but can take some consolation that they were the first to take a point off **Preston**. For today's game I tip Sth. Yarra.

Selections: Dandenong, Brighton, Geelong and Preston (draw), Sth. Yarra, Ferntree Gully.

2ND DIV. STH.

Park Rangers should win two points against **Bayswater**. **Prahran** to defeat **F.N.D.**

The **Rosebud** and **Essendon** clash appears to be even and I select a draw. I would like to thank both clubs for the co-operation in forwarding information to me.

Promotion winners **Makedonia** appear strong enough to down the young **Moorabbin** side. **Oakleigh** the other promotion winners should leave 2nd Div. in a burst of glory by defeating **Trident**.

Congratulations to all promotion winners, and condolences to relegation candidates, better luck next year! —**JOHN SLADE.**

De Bruyckere sensation

SIRS,—Re J. van Hoboken's letter in "Soccer News" of August 5th, I would like the opportunity to correct a statement in his letter regarding the injury to Mike De Bruyckre at Brisbane and his subsequent journey back to Melbourne.

In Queensland when Mike's injury was suspect of a possible fracture or break, it was decided to take him to hospital for X-Ray confirmation and attention. An ambulance was obtained and it was agreed between Dr. Walker, our manager, and myself, that he, Dr. Walker, would travel back to Melbourne with the rest of the team, and that I would remain over in Brisbane with the injured player.

However, Mike was adamant that he was not going to Hospital and that he wanted to return to Melbourne, pleading, and rightly so, that his wife and family would be very upset if he, seriously injured, was in Hospital at Brisbane, while they were in Melbourne.

With players Van Alphen and Berndonk, the First Aid attendant, and myself alone in the dressing rooms we discussed the possibility of returning with Mike on the plane and on giving my assurance to the attendant that I would take the injured player immediately to Melbourne Hospital on arrival made and gave the decision to board the plane for Melbourne.

On the plane from Brisbane I arranged with the Hostess for a wheel-chair at Sydney to take Mike across the tarmac to the lounge as there was over a half-hour wait in Sydney to change planes for Melbourne.

During the stop-over at Sydney, players Van Alphen and Berndonk were in telephonic communication with Mr. van Hoboken in Melbourne, and returned to the injured player Mike De Bruyckre with the information that as the Wilhelmina club or Mr. van Hoboken had a further cover besides the VASFA of insurance for £20 a week, Mike was to be taken to hospital in Sydney and that players Van Alphen and Berndonk were to stop over with him.

This the three players were intending to do, until I explained to them that, whatever risk had been taken against payment of insurance this had been done by the fact of leaving Brisbane, fortunately for all, the players could see the logic of my suggestion and we all came on to Melbourne.

On arrival at Essendon, Mr. van Hoboken agreed with me that it was wise to have come on under the circumstances.

The ordering of an ambulance to take Mike from Essendon to Melbourne Hospital was again arranged by myself and the Hostess on the plane and shortly after the Pilot had radioed my request the Hostess came back to me and confirmed that the ambulance would meet the plane at Essendon.

What Mr. van Hoboken had done regarding an ambulance is no concern of mine or the VASFA for whom I was Asst. Manager to the team. All I desire to do is to assure the Soccer followers in Victoria that every care, attention and consideration was given for the safe transfer of player De Bruyckre from Brisbane to Melbourne.

My very grateful thanks and appreciation go to Van Alphen and Berndonk, and I am sure all Victorians will join me in acknowledging the wonderful help and assistance given by these team-mates, who lifted and laid Mike to and from the bus in Queensland and on and off both planes, and at no stage of the entire journey were either of these players or myself away from the side of Mike De Bruyckre.

On arrival at Essendon in company with Mrs. De Bruyckre I travelled with Mike in the ambulance to the Melbourne Hospital, where I remained until about 1 a.m. Tuesday morning, when the injured player came back from the X-Ray with the Doctor to confirm for all concerned that the leg was not broken.

I mention these facts as one who has been both Manager and Asst. Manager to Victorian State teams. I assure the Soccer public that the VASFA is second to none in consideration and concern for its players. Let anyone who will discuss this matter with players from other States, and they will learn of the envy of other States of our worthy and all round care and interest in players who are representatives of Victoria.

As for no Selectors or Councillors at Essendon, I cannot see Mr. van Hoboken's point here. The hour of arrival was very late, but exclusive of that Dr. Charles Walker was Manager of the team. He is also Vice-President and a State Selector of the VASFA, whilst I who was Asst. Manager am also a Councillor of the VASFA.

I trust these few notes of mine will allay any fear of the Soccer public that Mike De Bruyckre was in anyway neglected, either at Brisbane on the way down or upon his arrival at Essendon.

—Yours, FRED L. LANG, Asst. Manager, Victorian Team, Queensland Visit.

THANK YOU!

SIRS,—This is just to say how very much I enjoyed the evening-fare, hospitality and all — on the occasion of your association's dinner to the Press, Radio and TV.

I was most happy to be among those present and rest assured that anything I can do in my small way to help the cause of the round-ball game, I shall do.

Again many thanks for a delightful, well-organised evening. Please ask me again.

—Yours, COLIN PURA, "The Herald," Melb.

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CAN YOU HELP?

SIRS— As a regular reader of "Soccer News", also a former player of St. Kilda F.C., runners up in Dockerty Cup Final against Navy at Fitzroy Ground in 1926, I would be pleased to hear from any of the players of that club, also Davy Lees ex Melbourne Thistle.

The St. Kilda team that day was: Lowe, Cottrell, Shepherd, Church, Van Den Drishe, Court, Schaulberger, Davis, Osbaldiston, Young, Hogdkinson.

President was Tom Lowe. Best wishes to the game.

—Yours, Jack Young, 146 Neville St., Middle Park, Phone MX 3606.

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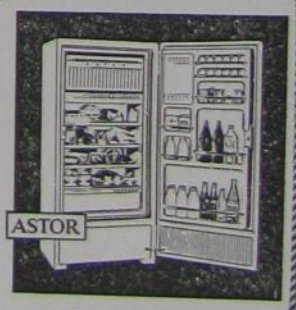

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